

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

The invention was developed in consideration of such ~~circumferencescomplications~~. An object of the invention is to provide a method for separating metal and inorganic particles from a metal-inorganic particle composite material, by which high-purity metal can be recovered efficiently with a simple and easy operation regardless of the composition of the metal-inorganic particle composite material, particularly regardless of the kind of metal.